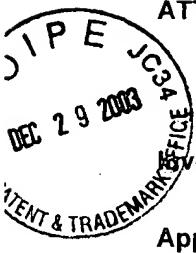


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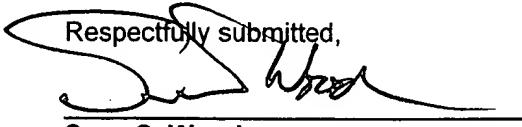
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response/Amendment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition to extend time to respond |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New fee as calculated below | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Declaration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee (Address correspondence to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment") | |
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A LARGE ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	16	MINUS	15	= 1	X \$9	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	2	= 0	X \$43	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$145	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$55.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	2ND MONTH \$210.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	3RD MONTH \$475.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4TH MONTH \$740.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER FEES						\$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 475

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of **\$475.00** to cover the above fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the actual charges, please charge or credit any such variance to Deposit Account No. 50-2849.

Respectfully submitted,


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